



# West Goshen

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## WEST GOSHEN RESOLUTION AND DECLARATION FOR STATE OF EMERGENCY

On March 12, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of West Goshen, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa C.S. Section 7101 et seq.), declared the existence of a local disaster emergency in West Goshen Township due to COVID-19. The effect of this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local emergency management plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder.

For the full report go to: <https://www.westgoshen.org/declaration-of-disaster-emergency/>

## The Time is Now!

*Help shape your future, and your community's future, by responding to the 2020 Census.*

Most households received their invitation to respond to the 2020 Census between March 12 – 20. These official Census Bureau mailings will include detailed information and a Census ID for completing the Census online.

In addition to an invitation to respond, some households will receive a paper questionnaire (sometimes known as the census form). You do not need to wait for your paper questionnaire to respond to the Census. Please complete your census form online, by phone, or by mail when your invitation to respond arrives. Learn more here: <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>

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2020**

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE



The officers and staff of the West Goshen Police Department wish to extend our deepest appreciation to everyone for your kind expressions of support during these challenging times. We will continue to provide the best service we can, but we continue to need your help.

The Governor has extended the "Stay-at-home" regulations for most of the state of Pennsylvania, including Chester County. As this pandemic continues, we will all begin to experience a greater level of anxiety, uncertainty, frustration, and some will experience fear. Because our society is based on freedom to move, shop and associate with whomever we choose, this "Stay-at-home" concept is totally different and hard to comprehend. Please pause and reflect on what you can do to make a positive

contribution to this global crisis.

We need to do exactly what the medical professionals are telling us to do. We all need to do our part. Your part is to stay at home and practice the physical distancing that is proven to be the best course of action against this invisible and deadly virus.

If we all practice patience, which can be in short supply when we are out of our comfort zone, we will be successful and this too shall pass. We will come out of this stronger than ever before and we will be better prepared to handle whatever comes next.

Thank you for what you are doing for neighbors, your families and for the greater good.

Joseph Gleason  
Chief of Police

## FEMA Coronavirus Rumor Control

The purpose of this FEMA page is to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. Do your part to stop the spread of disinformation by doing 3 easy things; don't believe the rumors, don't pass them along and go to trusted sources of information to get the facts about the federal (COVID-19) response.

Always go to trusted sources of information like coronavirus.gov or your state and local government's official websites or social media accounts for instructions and information specific to your community.

For more information on the coronavirus, please visit [coronavirus.gov](https://coronavirus.gov). You can also visit our coronavirus (COVID-19) response page (<https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus>) for more updates on the federal response. Follow state and local officials as well for instructions and information specific to your community.



**FEMA**

# West Goshen Welcomes Ashley Gagné and John Hellman to Board of Supervisors

In January 2020, the West Goshen Board of Supervisors swore in two new supervisors. Both are long-term residents of the township and are hopeful about the impact they can make in their new roles.

Ashley Gagné describes herself as a “hometown girl”, growing up in West Goshen and attending Bishop Shanahan High School and West Chester University (WCU). However, her academic pursuits took her everywhere from exploring the geological wonders of Hawaii, to perfecting her command of the Russian language at Moscow State University. She is passionate about the environment and was WCU’s first sustainability intern. Her interest in sustainability is what fueled her desire to run for public office. Prior to her appointment, she initiated the West Goshen Sustainability Task Force. She hopes to champion green efforts as a supervisor and is very excited about the opportunity.

John Hellman’s interest in serving on the Board of Supervisors stems from having the time and desire to give back to the community where he and his wife have lived and raised their family for the past 33 years. John is a retired electrician of 38 years and a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). He has been a member of the West Goshen Planning Committee for two years and is eager for the opportunity to work with the staff and residents of the township. “I’m eager to show the residents that we are open to hearing ideas and sharing ours, and hopeful that we will be viewed as being an inclusive group,” said Hellman.

Together, the new supervisors have been visiting various township departments to deepen their understanding of the township. “We visited the police department, the public works department and others,” said Gagné. “Everyone has made us feel very much at home and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve the community.”



## Township Information

### **Board of Supervisors**

#### **6 year elected term**

Robin Stuntebeck, Chair  
Shaun Walsh, Vice-Chair  
Ashley Gagné, Member  
John Hellman, Member  
Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., Member

### **Administration**

Casey LaLonde, Township Manager  
Derek J. Davis, Assistant Township Manager  
Christine J. Riffey, Finance Director  
J. David Woodward, Public Works Director  
Richard J. Craig, Township Engineer  
Mark Bertolami, Streets Superintendent  
Dorine A. McClune, Parks Superintendent

### **Park and Recreation Board**

Robert Cifone, Chair  
Gerald L. Napiecek, Vice-Chair  
Edward T. Smith, Secretary  
Eunice Alexander, Sara J. Franco, Kenneth W. Lehr, Dorine McClune, Michael Pillagalli,  
Mary Lou Enoches, Alternate  
Nancy Pitt, Alternate

### **Planning Commission**

Vito Genua – Chair  
Carrie Martin – Vice Chair  
Jeffrey S. Lieberman – Member  
John Mattia – Member  
R. Douglas Stewart – Member  
Corey Wegerbauer – Member  
John T. Wildrick – Member  
Dr. Douglas White – Member

### **Zoning Hearing Board**

Joseph DeFelippes, Chair  
Scott T. Cullinan, P.E., Vice Chair  
Shannon E. Royer, Member  
Alessandra Bellwoar, Alternate  
Salvatore Triolo, Alternate

### **Auditors**

Len Iacono, Chair  
Nick Deminski, Secretary  
Carter Membrino, Member

### **Tax Collector**

William R. Keenan

### **West Goshen Police**

1025 Paoli Pike, W.C., 19380  
Police 911 or 610.696.7400 | Fax 610.696.3935  
Email: [police@westgoshen.org](mailto:police@westgoshen.org)  
Joseph J. Gleason, Chief of Police

### **Wastewater Treatment Plant**

848 S. Concord Rd., W.C., 19382  
610.696.0900 | Fax 610.429.9360  
Michael Moffa, Wastewater Superintendent

### **Sewer Authority**

Theodore J. Murphy, Chair  
Tinamarie Smith, Vice-Chair  
Shaun Walsh, Secretary,  
Walt Wills, Treasurer,  
Philip J. Corvo, Jr., Member

### **Pension Committee**

David B. Brune, Robert Holland,  
Hugh J. Purnell, Bob Sheller,  
Walker Tompkins

### **Historic Commission**

Kevin Pistiner, Chair  
Michael Pillagalli, Vice Chair  
Kent Smith, Treasurer  
Nancy McCabe, Secretary  
Richard Davis, Elizabeth Dean, Norman Pine  
Keith Smith, Edward Tiernan,  
Thomas Walsh

### **The Friends of West Goshen Park, Inc**

Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets bimonthly  
John Herley, President  
Larue Morgan, Vice-President  
Susan Batten, Secretary  
Maria Janoski, Treasurer  
Gerald L. Napiecek, Peggy Niemeyer,  
Sally Yoder

### **Township Parks**

**Barker Park**  
Falcon Lane by Westtown Way  
**Coopersmith Park**  
Spring Lane, off West Chester Pike  
**Lambert Park**  
1145 Pottstown Pike  
**West Goshen Community Park**  
Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads

## Tax Due Date Information

### Local Real Estate Tax payments - due date:

- 2% discount period ends April 30th.
- Face amount is due by June 30th
- Penalty period is July 1st through December 31st.

### Local Earned Income Tax:

Keystone Collections Group, the township's Earned Income Tax Administrator, has extended the due date for filing to July 15, 2020. All taxes paid by Township employers, quarterly estimates

from residents, and final returns should be mailed directly to Keystone Collections Group. Any questions regarding these taxes should also be directed to Keystone Collections Group at [www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com) or by calling 724-978-0300.

State and Federal Tax Filing Deadlines Extended

The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue and the IRS have extended the Personal Income Tax Return Filing Deadline to July 15, 2020

## Local Tax Questions

### Does West Goshen have a Per Capita Tax?

No. West Goshen does not have a per capita tax. We do have a 1% earned income tax which is handled through Keystone Collections Group, 724-978-0300. The Township collects 0.5% of the Earned Income Tax and the other 0.5% goes to West Chester Area School District. Pursuant to Pennsylvania Act 222 of 2004, West Goshen Township has also instituted an Emergency and Municipal Services Tax in the amount of \$52 per year for residents and non-residents employed in West Goshen Township.

### What is the property tax millage rate for West Goshen Township?

The millage rate is 2.00 mills.

### How often are we billed for sewer and trash?

Sewer and trash are billed quarterly.

### How does the Township use my Earned Income and Property Taxes?

The taxes goes into the General Fund budget for the Township. This Fund is responsible for maintaining the day to day operations of the Township. Services such as park maintenance, snow removal, street resurfacing, summer recreation programs and public safety are just a few examples of how your tax dollars are spent.

For more information about the tax collector go to <https://www.westgoshen.org/>

## Pennsylvania Primary Election Rescheduled

Governor Wolf has signed Senate Bill 422, which reschedules the 2020 primary election from April 28 to June 2. The order includes other election process changes, including some due to the COVID-19 emergency. The bill provides process improvements to Act 77 of 2019, to allow counties to begin processing and tabulating mail ballots beginning at 7 a.m. on election day, rather than after the polls close at 8 p.m. Additionally, the measure allows counties to temporarily consolidate polling places without court approval and eases other rules regarding location and staffing of polling places for the primary to respond to county concerns about a potential shortage of poll workers and appropriate polling place locations.

The Governor stated that delaying this year's primary election as several other states have done is in the best interests of voters, poll workers and county election officials.

The Department of State will continue to work with local election officials to ensure Pennsylvania has a fair and accessible election.

The last day to register to vote in the 2020 Primary is now May 18, 2020. All voter registration forms must be received by the Voter

Registration Office by 4:30p.m. on May 18, 2020 and online (with a signature) by 11:59p.m. May 18, 2020. Registered voters do not need to file new applications despite the change in primary date.

Voters are also reminded of the new option to vote by mail-in ballot rather than going to a polling place on election day. The online application can be found here: [www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin](http://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin)

An FAQ section Regarding the June 2, 2020 Primary can be found here: <https://www.delcopa.gov/elections/bureau/primaryfaq.html>

## Trash and Recycling Update

- Even during the COVID-19 crisis, your Township trash, recycling and bulk trash collection will continue normally. Please do not put out any additional trash, recycling or bulk trash outside of what is allowable. It will not be collected.
- Please see the Trash & Recycling

## Public Township Meetings

Check [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) for updates and cancellations. Meetings may be postponed or cancelled due to the pandemic.

### Board of Supervisors

(7:00 PM, third Tuesday of each month):  
May 19, June 16, July 21  
(Above dates to be held by teleconference)

### Historical Commission

(7:00 PM, fourth Thursday of each month):  
May 28, June 25, July 23

### Park and Recreation Board

(7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month):  
May 20, June 17, July 15

### Planning Commission

(7:00 PM second Tuesday of each month):  
May 12, June 9, July 14

### Sewer Authority

(7:00 PM, first Wednesday of each month):  
May 6, June 3, July 1  
(Above dates to be held by teleconference)

### Zoning Hearing Board

7:00 PM, as needed.

Visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) to confirm hearings.

All meetings are held in the Township Administration Building.

There is a public comment period at each meeting.

webpage for rules and regulations.

- Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the Township has delayed the quarterly sewer / trash billing. 1st quarter 2020 sewer / trash bills will be mailed in the next two weeks.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.



ESSENTIAL SERVICES ONLY UNTIL MAY 8th  
Given Governor Wolf's "stay at home" order due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). See the Governor's Extension <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-sec-of-health-extend-statewide-stay-at-home-order-until-may-8/>.

This will be effective at 5:00 PM Friday, March 13th until 7:00 AM Friday, May 8th.

As more and more institutions close, this is the best decision we can make for the health, safety, and welfare of our employees and the general public. The following is a summary of what is to take place:

- All Township employees will be working remotely from their homes when possible and in the office, reporting back to the office on Friday, May 8th

- Township Police will be operating normally.
- Township Trash and recycling collection will continue on the normal schedule
- Township Streets / Parks Department will be working daily and on an on-call basis for emergencies such as downed trees, storm response, etc.
- Township Wastewater Department will be working diligently to ensure continued efficient operation of the Township's sanitary sewer system.
- Township employees will be answering office phones Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

There will be no public admitted to the Township Building for any reason.

Other updates will be given as needed. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## U.S. Small Business Administration Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources

The U.S. Small Business Administration provides guidance for small businesses and loans during COVID-19. Health and government officials are working together to maintain the safety, security, and health of the American people. Small businesses are encouraged to do their part to keep their employees, customers, and themselves healthy. The site provides resources on the following topics:

- Paycheck Protection Program

- Economic injury disaster loans and loan advances
- SBA Debt Relief
- SBA Express bridge loans
- Guidance for businesses and employers
- SBA Products and resources
- Government contracting
- Local assistance

This information can be accessed here: <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

## Aqua Pennsylvania's Construction Work

Dear Customer,

I am writing to bring you up to date on Aqua Pennsylvania's construction work in your neighborhood. Before I do, on behalf of Aqua, I want you to know that we hope you and your family are faring well during this COVID-19 pandemic. We want you to know in this time of uncertainty that the water Aqua Pennsylvania delivers to your home or business remains compliant, meeting or outperforming all standards of the

### Safe Drinking Water Act.

You might have noticed that the construction work we were doing in your neighborhood was suspended shortly after the COVID-19 outbreak. Since then, we have continued our regular maintenance and emergency work and adjusted our work practices to ensure the safety and health of our employees and customers.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shined a greater light on the importance of access to safe drinking water and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf has identified Aqua as part of the life-sustaining business sector that contributes to the health and safety of Pennsylvania. Our ability to continue the uninterrupted delivery of safe drinking water to your homes and businesses is dependent on our ability to continue the



necessary replacement of aging water mains.

Beginning Wednesday April 8, Aqua contractors will resume work on the replacement of the 6-inch cement water main on Dorothy Lane, Fernhill Lane, Gateway Lane and Paul Lane.

Our employees and contractors have implemented the social distancing and hygiene practices encouraged by the Centers for Disease Control and other agencies. Should you encounter our crews and other employees, please maintain social distancing for your own safety as well as that of our crews. The work we are continuing is recognized as critical and our employees throughout the state are working 24/7 to answer your calls, respond to emergencies and maintain uninterrupted water service.

We appreciate your support and wish you good health.

Sincerely,

Jim Rosser  
Construction Superintendent – Great Valley Division

## PA DCED Business Resources

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development provides a resource for businesses during COVID-19. This resource provides information on Employers and unemployment compensation, Department of Health Guidance, fact sheets and COVID-19 information for businesses along with resources from local assistance partners. You can access this information here: <https://dced.pa.gov/businesses/>

## Child Care Centers

The Department of Human Services has created a list for Child care providers that are approved to operate during the COVID-19 public health emergency. If you work in a life-sustaining position, these providers may be able to help you and your family if you need child care. Please note that this list may change, and the Department of Human Services is doing their best to keep it up-to-date, but providers listed may make the decision to close at any time. They encourage all personnel in life-sustaining positions to make a back-up plan for child care should their provider decide to close. You can view the list here: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Coronavirus-Child-Care.aspx>

Please...  
Flush Only  
Toilet Paper and What  
Nature Provides.

## Sanitary Wipe Disposal

With the COVID-19 (coronavirus) crisis, please follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations on sanitizing hard surfaces, door knobs, etc. with sanitizing wipes.

Centers for Disease Control Sanitizing Tips: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

HOWEVER, please do not flush those wipes, paper towels or any other non-toilet paper products. Non-toilet paper products clog sanitary sewer systems and lead to backups.

Please dispose of those used sanitizing wipes, paper towels and other cleaning wipes in your household trash.



## Road Rules

On March 16th, Governor Wolf issued a shut down order for the entire state of Pennsylvania due to the COVID-19 outbreak with few exemptions for essential travel

### Allowable Essential Travel

- Any travel related to the provision of or access to the above-mentioned individual activities or life-sustaining business activities (see below for details about life-sustaining business activities).
- Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
- Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services.

- Travel to return to a place of residence from an outside jurisdiction.
- Travel required by law enforcement or court order.
- Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the commonwealth.
- Anyone performing life-sustaining travel does not need paperwork to prove the reason for travel.

All Pennsylvanians have an important role to play in stopping the spread of COVID-19 and saving lives. Here are resources to help individuals, families, and businesses do their part: <https://www.pa.gov/guides/responding-to-covid-19/>

## FILE YOUR LOCAL TAX RETURN ONLINE

Our local tax administrator, Keystone Collections Group, just made [e-file](#) easier and faster. With clear graphics, an interactive format and a streamlined process, you can file your local return online, in minutes, using any mobile device.

With [e-file](#), you enter only the most basic information necessary to file your local return. You can easily transfer overpayments to your spouse's balance due using the "Married Filing Jointly" option. You can file multiple returns from



one [e-file](#) account, and you can view the status of your return(s) on the Home Page.

Even if you work outside of Pennsylvania, you can now file online. If you moved during the year, [e-file](#) makes it easy to file your part-year returns for each of your home locations if Keystone is the tax administrator.

Best of all – you can file your return today and schedule your payment for April 17<sup>th</sup> or before. You will get an online receipt for the payment.

If you are due a refund, you'll receive an online confirmation that your refund was deposited into your bank account.

State law requires Pennsylvania residents with earned income to file a local tax return even if your employer withholds the tax from payroll or even if you are not due a refund. If you don't have payroll withholding, work in Philadelphia and/or have net profits, you are required to file a local earned income tax return.

Why wait? File online today with e-file. [Go to https://efile.keystonecollects.com/#/login](https://efile.keystonecollects.com/#/login)

## HOW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO CALLS

The West Goshen Police Department takes our responsibility very seriously and strives to provide a safe and effective service to all. To continue to do so, we have to change our way of direct social interactions. All emergencies should be directed to call 911. Stay on the line for as long as the dispatcher requires and answer all the questions asked. All non-emergencies should call the 10-digit number. 610-696-7400. Again, please stay on the line and answer all the questions asked. Once your information is obtained regarding your specific complaint, dispatchers are now asking the following:

**"For our officers safety, have you or anyone in your household/office, has contact directly or indirectly with anyone that has contracted COVID-19 (Coronavirus), or are you or anyone with you experiencing fever, cough, or trouble breathing?"**

If circumstances are appropriate, the dispatchers will have an officer call the complainant back to try to handle the issue remotely. If circumstances require an officer to respond to the location, the complainant will be directed to meet the officer outside whenever possible. This will allow us to comply with the physical-distancing recommendations of the CDC. These efforts help to minimize both the citizen exposure as well as the officers. We are asking for your patience and understanding as we as a society navigate these uncharted territories and continue to conduct our business in the safest manner possible to continue to provide the level of service that our residents and visitors have come to expect.



## We're Moving to a Clean Energy Future!

Last fall, West Goshen Township joined forces with our neighbors through the West Chester Area Council of Governments to advance our communities towards a clean energy future. We hired the Cadmus Group, an energy consultant, to create an Energy Plan Report, which will soon be released. The report covers ways in which our municipalities can reduce energy with simultaneous cost benefits in the areas of electricity, heating/cooling and transportation.



What can YOU do to join this important effort? Get informed and read the report @ <https://sites.google.com/view/wcacog-100-re-transition/home>



## COVID-19 Update

We are encouraging all agencies to remain open and follow all Chester County Health Department guidelines, including those for social distancing. The distribution of food to agencies is continuing with little disruption, and agencies are serving families and individuals seeking food assistance. We suggest calling an agency prior to visiting to confirm their hours.

The Food Bank relies on our member agencies to distribute food directly to those in need. With over 120 member agencies — ranging from pantries and shelters to faith-based organizations and schools — the Food Bank is able to quickly and efficiently get food into the hands of those in Chester County struggling with hunger and food insecurity.

We not only provide each agency with nutritious shelf stable and fresh foods, we also host quarterly food provider meetings for continuing education, best practices and to share their needs and successes.

Are you in need of food assistance?

To receive food assistance, use the map above to contact your local agency during its listed business hours. All listed agencies are open to the public. If you are unsure of the cupboard closest to you, call the Food Bank at 610-873-6000 and we can help you identify a hunger relief agency that serves your part of town.

## SNAP Hotline

In addition to support from a local food cupboard, you may also be eligible for SNAP (Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program). Those who are SNAP eligible receive an EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) ACCESS Card to make food purchases. The Hunger Coalition helps thousands of residents apply for SNAP through their SNAP Hotline. Residents of Bucks, Chester and Philadelphia counties can apply for SNAP benefits through their SNAP Hotline by calling 215-430-0556. Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## Other Community Resources

If you are in need of other social services call or visit online 2-1-1, a regional social services hotline, to find human and social

# CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

CHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# BE INFORMED

LEARN THE FACTS, SHARE THE FACTS, STOP THE FEAR

## ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO REMAIN OPEN

The following services are to remain open during COVID-19. Continue practicing social distance and limiting gatherings of 10 or more people.

- Ambulatory care, hospitals and nursing/residential care facilities
- Dentists - emergency visits only
- Biomedical and Healthcare
- Pharmacy and other medical facilities
- Veterinary Clinics and pet stores

- Banks
- Gas stations
- Hotel and commercial lodging
- Insurance
- Post office & shipping outlets

- Agriculture
- Grocery & household goods
  - as well as farmers markets and convenience stores
- Feed Mills
- Food Processing

- Auto and home repair/hardware
- Industrial manufacturing
- Warehouse, storage and distribution
- Trash collection
- Public transportation

## RESTAURANTS

- Restaurants and bars must close dine-in services.
- Restaurants can remain open for carry-out and delivery service.
- Drive-through food and beverage can continue to operate.

service resources in your neighborhood. Dial 2-1-1 or 1-866-964-7922 seven days a week from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm to be connected to a 2-1-1 SEPA Information and Referral Specialist. Calls are free and confidential. Interpreter services are available in over 140 languages.

You can also view the Chester County Community Resource Directory or call Department of Human Services 610-344-6640.

If you are interested in becoming a member agency, please contact Phoebe Kitson-Davis, Directory of Agency & Community Partnerships



## Greening West Goshen - Clean Stream Tips

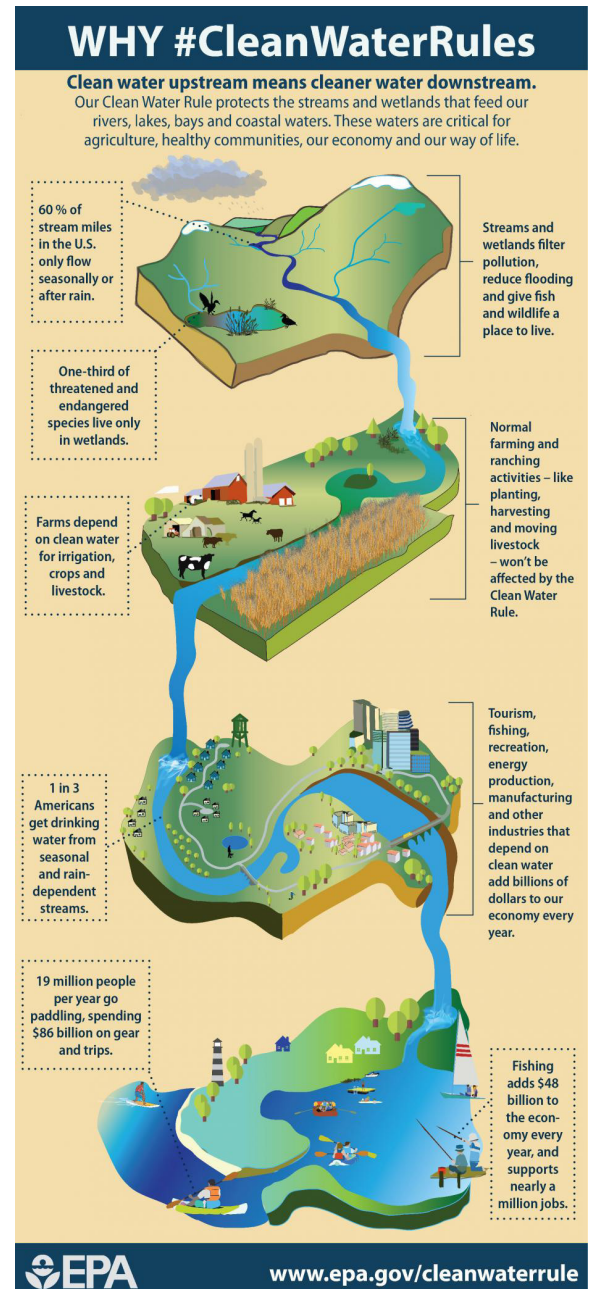
Clean water is vital to our health, communities, and economy. People depend on clean water for their health: The United States Environmental Protection Agency claims that About 117 million Americans – one in three people – get their drinking water from streams protected by the Clean Water Rule. Clean water is vital because healthy ecosystems provide wildlife habitat and places to fish, paddle, surf, and swim. Not only this but our economy also depends on clean water for manufacturing, farming, tourism, recreation and energy production in addition to other major economic sectors needing clean water to function and flourish.

We need clean water upstream to have healthy communities downstream. The health of rivers, lakes, bays, and coastal waters depend on the streams and wetlands where they begin. Streams and wetlands provide so many benefits to communities by trapping floodwaters, recharging groundwater supplies, filtering pollution, and providing habitat for fish and wildlife. This means that protecting and cleaning our streams is vitally important. West Goshen does it's best to keep our streams clean; however, municipalities cannot do this alone. Public participation is vital to our clean stream program. Here are some ways that you can make a difference.

- organize a stream cleanup event
- form a stormwater pollution watch.
- Mark storm drains with warnings about dumping (Call township building to get a marker.)
- "adopt-an-inlet" if a stormwater inlet exists near you or on your property. Ensure that the inlet is clear and unobstructed.
- Have a wetland planting event.
- Remove impervious surface from your property and replace with green space.
- Practice good household habits (pick up pet waste, properly dispose of grass clipping, use commercial carwash, etc.)

If you suspect or witness illegal dumping or an illicit discharge into stormwater inlets, call the West Goshen Township Administration Building at 610-696-5266 during regular business hours, or 911 after business hours.

Check out the infographic below to see why doing your part to keep our streams clean is so important!



## CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY SHUTDOWN

### CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES HALTED

As of May 1, 2020, per Governor Wolf's order, all "non-life sustaining" businesses will be slowly reopened, including construction activities.

In order to comply with this new order, Township employees are assessing procedures to ensure the safety of all Township employees.

**FOR RESIDENTS:** If you seek to log a complaint regarding such activities you believe is not appropriate under the Governor's order, please call our administration at 610-696-5266 so that

we can investigate as soon as we possibly can under the current circumstances.

Please understand that emergencies could still present the need for construction to take place if it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of a person or the community (i.e. hot water heater replacement or broken water pipes)

**FOR BUSINESSES:** You may contact the Administration with questions about whether your business will need to remain closed under the new order: [ra-dcedcs@pa.gov](mailto:ra-dcedcs@pa.gov) or by calling 1-877-PA-HEALTH and selecting option 1.

**FOR THE FULL LIST:** <https://www.westgoshen.org/wpfb-file/03-19-2020-gov-covid-life-sustaining-business-pdf-2/>

**List of Businesses: Life Sustaining versus Non-Life Sustaining**



## Meet the Board of Supervisors

Did you know that much like businesses and nonprofits have a Board of Directors to advise them, the township has a board to provide counsel?

Supervisors are charged with the general governance of the township and the execution of legislative, executive and administrative powers in order to ensure sound fiscal management and to secure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and employees of the township. West Goshen Township's Board of Supervisors is made up of five elected officials serving staggered six-year terms. Two new Supervisors were sworn in earlier this year.

The Board of Supervisors has a variety of roles and responsibilities, that include serving as the fiduciary representative for the township, setting the annual budget and acting as stewards of the township's money. Two members of the Board serve on the budget committee each year and work with each department to understand and approve capital investments and staffing requests for the upcoming year.

While the township manager and staff handle the day-to-day operations that keep West Goshen thriving, the members from the Board of Supervisors work as liaisons to each department to better understand the department's goals, responsibilities, and address issues and overcome challenges. When necessary, the Board is also called upon to address personnel matters related to



## Meet the Board of Supervisors

township employees.

The Board is a liaison between residents and staff, creating opportunities for deeper communication and championing new ideas and projects.

Want to see the Board of Supervisors in action? They Board meets for its monthly business meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m, and meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. to give residents a forum to share their ideas, concerns, and request action on issues that affect their neighborhoods. You can suggest a topic for discussion (their agenda is developed to cover the most pertinent

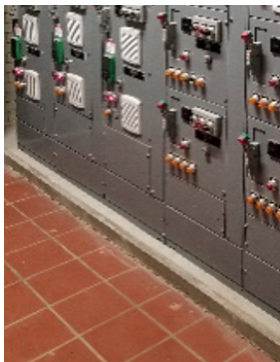
issues). If you can't make it to a meeting, you can also view proceedings on their YouTube channel, [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkrhNCoiAF\\_G-SenampnZFQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkrhNCoiAF_G-SenampnZFQ).

Thank you Board of Supervisors!

## Anaerobic Digester and Operations Building Rehabilitation Project

The Anaerobic Digester and Operations Building Rehabilitation Project at the wastewater treatment facility, which began in December 2017, is now complete.

The 6-million dollar project was initiated to replace aged and deteriorated infrastructure, to improve operations and personnel safety, and to prepare for future treatment requirements. Much of the electrical equipment upgrades were necessary to meet the requirements identified in NFPA 820, Standard for



Fire Protection in Wastewater Treatment. Upgrades included replacement and/or relocation of the Motor Control Center (MCC), lighting, conduits, valves, piping, pumps, HVAC, boiler, and the waste gas burner. Additionally, a power docking station was added to allow for a towed generator unit to be utilized in case of planned or emergency power loss to the building.

The two anaerobic digesters (330,000 gallon concrete tanks) were replaced and relocated to provide a physical separation from the operations building. By eliminating the common wall between the digesters (where combustible gases are formed and stored) and the operations building, areas within the building were able to be de-rated to less significant code requirements and made safer for employees.

These renovations will ensure the reliability of this vital part of the wastewater treatment process for decades to come. Sewer Authority public meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Township's main meeting room. Please feel free to attend.



## WE ARE NOW DIGITAL!

The West Goshen Township newsletter is now in digital format and is emailed monthly. Residents will be able to read the digitized version in one of two ways. Either provide us with your email so that you may receive it directly in your inbox **OR** simply go to our website where it will be available at any time for the general public to view.

For those that still prefer a print form, you are given the ability to "opt-in" to such a version so that you can continue to receive the printed newsletter in the mail. As part of this change, the printed version of the Township Newsletter will have a new look.

We encourage as many residents as possible to

enjoy the new digital version. If you would like to receive a paper/mailed newsletter, please send an email to the following address:

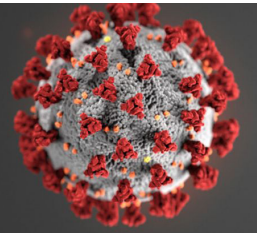
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Your email should contain the following message:

***• I would prefer to continue the print version  
(Include full name and physical address)***

To receive the new digital eNews in your inbox monthly, please visit our website at: [www.westgoshe.org/documents-forms/newsletter/](http://www.westgoshe.org/documents-forms/newsletter/) to sign up for the emailed version. Thank you and we hope you enjoy our new digital newsletter!

## Report COVID-19 Fraud



## FBI Urges Vigilance During COVID-19 Pandemic

As the United States and the world deal with the ongoing pandemic, the FBI's national security and criminal investigative work continues. There are threats you should be aware of so you can take steps to protect yourself.

- Children who are home from school and spending more time online may be at increased risk for exploitation.
- Anyone can be targeted by hackers and scammers.
- Protecting civil rights and investigating hate crimes remain a high priority for the FBI.

Use the resources on this page to help keep yourself and your family safe from these threats.



## AT THE WEST CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Virtual story times with Miss Treena on West Chester Public Library's YouTube Channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQsZKefw3bqMkvrwA1zab-g/videos>

## DIGITAL MATERIALS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Use your library card to access Overdrive, Flipster, BookFlix: all accessible through the [ccls.org](http://ccls.org) website, e-materials tab or databases tab (for BookFlix). Also check the ChesCo Libraries blog for resources for education, keeping kids occupied, etc! Go to <https://wcpubliclibrary.org/about/important-news/> to learn more.

## Chester County Bottles 825 Gallons of Hand Sanitizer for Front Line COVID-19 Workers



Hand sanitizer donated by Eight Oaks Farm Distillery and bottles donated by Wawa

Chester County's Department of Emergency Services took delivery this week of three 275-gallon containers of specially made hand sanitizer, and quickly proceeded to bottle, label and begin distributing the solution to the County's healthcare, first responder and long term care facility workers.

Thanks to the generosity of Eight Oaks Farm Distillery and Wawa, staff at Chester County's Public Safety Training Campus bottled 1,650 half-gallon containers of hand sanitizer – a commodity that, since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, has been in very high demand.

The three Chester County Commissioners

turned their hand to bottling, capping and labeling the hand sanitizer and paid tribute to Eight Oaks Farm Distillery and Wawa for their donations.

"If you had told me a few months ago that Chester County would welcome a delivery from a regional distillery, I never would have believed it," noted Chester County Commissioners' Chair Marian Moskowitz. "But we are very grateful – not just for this hand sanitizer delivery, but also for the creativity and good intent by the folks from Eight Oaks that came with the delivery."

Since word spread about this latest PPE shipment, requests for the hand sanitizer have been coming in from hospitals, long term care facilities and the first responder community.



# Upcoming Events

## Event Cancellations

The West Goshen park and Recreation Department announces cancellations of the following events:

- April 25th Summer Recreation Program Registration
- May 9th Bus Trip to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

Please check the website for more information and updates.

### Summer Recreation Updates:

The April 25th Summer Recreation Registration was cancelled. The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department plans to update the status (continuing as normal, continuing with modifications, or cancelled) of the Summer Recreation Program in May 2020. We appreciate your patience as we await the latest and best available medical advice prior to making any final decisions.

To learn more go to: <https://www.westgoshe.org/government/departments/parks-recreation/summer-counselors/>



## 2020 Summer Recreation Program Now Hiring Summer Counselors!

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is currently seeking enthusiastic and experienced individuals to plan, facilitate and supervise safe and enjoyable outdoor activities for participants of West Goshen's Summer Recreation Program, Summer Teen Program and Afternoon Sports Clinics. Being a summer counselor is a rewarding part-time position which is ideal for high school and college students or anyone seeking hands-on experience working with children outdoors.

To learn more go to: <https://www.westgoshe.org/government/departments/parks-recreation/summer-counselors/>

## Roonie Says...



### CDC Coronavirus Information For Pets

The CDC has created a page for pet owners to find information on the Coronavirus and pets. Some key points from this site are:

- Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Some cause illness in people, and others cause illness in certain types of animals.
- Coronaviruses that infect animals can sometimes be spread to people, but this is rare.
- We do not know the exact source of the current outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The first infections were linked to a live animal market, but the virus is now spreading from person to person.
- CDC is aware of a very small number

of pets outside the United States reported external icon to be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 after close contact with people with COVID-19.

- We do not have evidence that companion animals, including pets, can spread COVID-19.
- We do not have evidence to suggest that imported animals or animal products imported pose a risk for spreading the 2019 novel coronavirus in the United States.

Further studies are needed to understand if and how different animals could be affected by COVID-19.

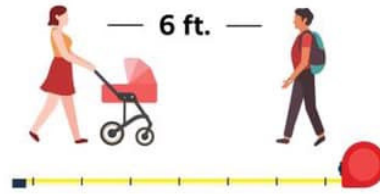
For more information go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/animals.html>



## Important Information about Safe Park Use

### Tips for Physical Distancing In Parks

**Know what 6 feet looks like.** Lay measuring tape on the ground. It's the distance of a surfboard, long yoga mat or adult bike.



**Do not use playgrounds or other frequently touched surfaces.**

**Go by yourself or those you live with.**



**Avoid crowded areas.** If a space cannot be enjoyed safely, go home or discover a new park in your community.



For more resources on how to use parks safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit: [nrrpa.org/Coronavirus](https://nrrpa.org/Coronavirus)

### West Goshen Township Parks

- Barker Park** is located on Falcon Lane near Westtown Road. It is equipped with a pavilion with 10-12 tables, two charcoal grills, and four electrical outlets on the posts of the pavilion. There is a backstop for T-ball or Wiffle Ball as well as playground equipment.
- Coopersmith Park** is located off of Spring Lane near the Shop – Rite Shopping Center. It is equipped with a pavilion with 12 picnic tables, five charcoal grills, and two electrical outlets. There is a backstop for Tee-ball or Wiffle Ball, a grass volleyball court (bring your own net and ball), an exercise trail, playground equipment and a horseshoe pit (bring your own horseshoes).
- Lambert Park** is located on Pottstown Pike, just south of the Pottstown Pike and Greenhill Road intersection. It is equipped with a skatepark, dogpark, two tennis courts, and a playground.
- West Goshen Community Park** is located at the intersection of Fern Hill and North Five Points Roads near Ice Line. It is equipped with an amphitheater and adjacent picnic pavilion with eight picnic tables, five outlets, and four charcoal grills. The Community Park is equipped with two basketball courts, one softball field, one Little League baseball field, adult hardball field, four tennis courts, and two sand volleyball courts. There is a playground, a concession stand, and a paved walking path of .8 mile circles the park.
- Does the Township rent park pavilions for group events?**
  - Pavilion rentals are available for groups at Barker Park, located on Falcon Lane and Westtown Road, Coopersmith Park, located on Spring Lane, and West Goshen Community Park, located on N. Five Points and Fern Hill Roads. Each park is equipped with picnic tables, charcoal grills, ball fields, and playground areas. A rental fee is charged for the use of electricity, water and rest rooms.
  - Township parks are open daily from dawn to dusk. Groups may check the availability of these facilities by contacting the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266 or by e-mailing [Klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:Klehr@westgoshen.org).





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